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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 5975
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Hiroyuki OKAMOTO et al)	Art Unit: 3644
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I.A. Filing Date: 11/28/2003)	Examiner: T.T. Nguyen
371(c) Date: May 18, 2005)	
)	November 6, 2006
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/535,257)	
)	ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMOTO=13
For: AQUARIUM-CLEANING DEVICE)	
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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.121

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.121 mailed October 30, 2006, attached please find the corrected claim set showing the acceptable status identifiers. The changes to the claims and the remarks of the main Reply filed August 2, 2006, are respectfully repeated by reference.

Applicants note for the record that the rejected status identifier "(New and Withdrawn)" is almost identical to an acceptable status identifier as set forth in MPEP 714, II C, "(E) acceptable alternative status identifiers", number 4, which indicates that the status identifier "Withdrawn-New" is

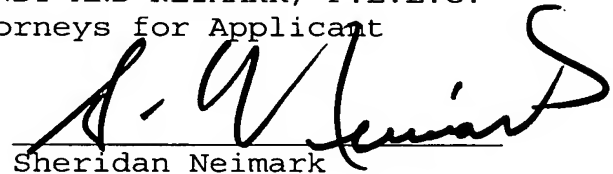
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acceptable. Undersigned respectfully submits that is picayune for the PTO to hold "New and Withdrawn" to be non-compliant, while at the same time approving "Withdrawn-New".

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006,
please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.